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SUBJECT.

Behaviour of Mr. T. Krishna Rao, Press Correspondent in making his way into the Palace without permission in connection with Viceregal Visit

D.O. No. 300
Cm 1

THE PALACE, MYSORE,
August 6th, 1921.

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My dear Mirza,

You will perhaps remember that you told me the other day that it was by no authority of yours that Mr.T.Krishna Rao, his son and another correspondent had got into the Palace on the occasion of the Musical Party, after having been distinctly refused admission.

I think I had better review the circumstances from the beginning. The question of admission of Press correspon[illegible] to this function was one of the first raised in dealing with the Viceroy's visit. The previous correspondence was carefully examined, and it was found that on the last occasion, after first issuing tickets you had specifically withdrawn them. On the present occasion Mr.Krishna Rao made repeated applications for admission to the function. He was told, on the strength of the precedent, that he could not be admitted, first by Mr. Rama Rao, and later by me, and I may say his behaviour on the latter occasion was by no means what it should have been. In the face of all this, he got himself and party into the Palace, and last (but, perhaps, worst of all) he presented no report that was worth the paper which it was written on of the most splendid function of the Viceroy's visit.

You said the other day that you did not think the presence of the newspaper correspondents was altogether to be regretted. Subject of course to His Highness's pleasure in the matter, they might have redeemed their offence by producing accounts that were worthy of the occasion. Things being as they are, the question of discipline presents itself. Mr. Krishna Rao has been asked to explain, and I enclose copy of his letter. He admits that he attended the function without permission, in the face of Mr.Rama Rao's and my prohibition. It seems to me that conduct like this cannot be allowed to pass unnoticed, especially as this is not the first instance that we have had of people forcing their way [illegible] admission. It would be very regrettable to have to require every

one who attends a function at the Palace to produce his credentials, but if the eldest press correspondent in the place is to set an example of disobedience, it is difficult to know what else can be done.

I should be much obliged if you would advise me as to the action to be taken. My first impulse was to write to all his editors that he would be given no further facilities. A minor punishment would be to suspend him from attendance at Durbars for a suitable period.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy of letter from T.Krishna Rao, Srivatsa Nilaya, Mysore, dated 5th August 1927, to Mr. Rama Rao, Asst. Private Secretary:-

Dear Mr. Rama Rao,

In reply to your letter of yesterday asking me to let you know if I had permission to attend the Music Party at the Palace on 30th July 1927, I wish to answer with a negative. I attended the function at my own instance only in my favour to do justice to my profession as a Press correspondent. I can assure you that I had no other motive personal or otherwise in doing so. The very fact that this has been called for, I take it that my presence that night has been questioned. In this connection, I wish further to add that I had been permitted to attend similar functions when His Excellency Lord Reading and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales were so entertained. Since I had no time to approach the authorities for such permission I thought I might attend in the interest of my profession without being questioned. If you now believe that I should have kept away and thus not reported an important function, I really feel sorry that I have used my discretion otherwise. Hoping that this sincere explanation will satisfy you,

I remain,

Yours ever sincerely,

(Sd) T. Krishna Rao.

D.O. No. 650.

7th August 1927.

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My dear Sir Charles,

I have your letter No.300/1 dated the 6th instant about the conduct of Mr. T. Krishna Rao, Press Correspondent. I also think that his behaviour was not quite correct but as he has expressed regret I think he may be let off with a severe warning this time, if you see no objection.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. Mirza M. Ismail.

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THE PALACE,
MYSORE

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Received on
13. AUG. 1927
Reg. No. 1248

August 10th, 1927

My dear Mirza,

I am in receipt of your d.o. letter No.659, dated the 7th instant regarding the conduct of Mr. T. Krishna Rao in making his way into the Palace in defiance of repeated prohibitions.

I must of course abide by your wishes, but I hope that if the matter is to end in a severe warning that will be issued officially by the Chief Secretary and communicated to all concerned so that prompt and effective action may be taken if there is any attempt to repeat the offence.

Yours sincerely,

Yuvaraj